Low-income students could lose Pell grants

New formula for eligibility eliminates grants for up to 90,000 students in upcoming school year

by Rachel Thomson
Staff reporter

The U.S. Department of Education has a new formula for calculating eligibility for college financial aid, which resulted in the elimination of Federal Pell Grants for 80,000 to 90,000 low-income students nationwide for the 2005-2006 school year, according to an article published by the American Council on Education.

The change is based on a decade-old formula which officials determined was out of date. The new formula uses tax data from 2002, in order to account for inflation.

The move comes just months after Congress introduced H.R. 4286, the College Access and Opportunity Act, which was designed to give low-income students the opportunity to continue their education through financial aid reform. Currently, 92 percent of Central Washington University students are on some form of financial assistance and 30 percent of Central's students rely on Pell Grants, according to Financial Aid

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**Community opinions about Bush inauguration speeches**

by Rachel Thomson  
Staff reporter

Red, white and blue bannermade of black tie apparel, and a fresh blanket of glistening white snow served as the backdrop for President Bush’s second inauguration. But just as last week in Washington, D.C., the gala did not stop igniting orange flames of debate at Central Washington University.

Freedom was an overriding theme in Bush’s inaugural address.

*The survival of liberty in our land depends on the sake of liberty in other lands,* Bush said. *The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world.*

Not everyone at Central found the inaugural speech satisfying.

*It can’t stand what [Bush] says,* said Jim Brown, professor and chair of political science. *He mentioned the words free, freedom, or liberty 49 times in 11 minutes. I don’t know how anyone can do that.*

According to assistant professor of political science Matthew Manweiler, if other people aren’t free, then we [Americans] won’t be free.

Manweiler said that oppression is what drives hatred for America in other countries.

*If we can’t bring freedom abroad, our freedom will be threatened,* Manweiler said.

Robert Jacobs, professor emeritus of political science, said Bush administration did not pay for this in terms of human lives and monetary terms*

Bush highlighted some domestic issues as well during his address.

*We will bring the highest standards to our schools and build an ownership society,* Bush said. *We will widen the ownership of homes and businesses, retirement savings and health care insurance preparing our people for the challenges of life in a free society.*

*How Bush will tackle these topics is what’s been gained,* Jacobs said. *Bush needs to get the cooperation and, if possible, a modicum of trust with allies, harmed domestic unity and increased the likelihood of violent attacks on the U.S.*

Brown agreed. *[Bush] is irresponsible,* Brown said. *He is fixated and simple-minded. How the hell are we supposed to pay for this in terms of human lives and monetary terms?*

*Bush totally spent it on a party and not on useless things like healthcare.*

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**Local job market disappoints students**

by Teddy Feinberg  
Staff reporter

For some students, finding a solid job in Ellensburg is equivalent to finding a needle in a haystack. This small town located in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains is an agrarian based community with no more than 16,000 people who call it home. Factor that into a relatively small job market and what you’ll get is increased competition among college students looking for work.

Students need to look hard for jobs; some cases even filled ten applications.* Assistant Director of Student Employment, Gayle Dohrman said, They can’t be afraid to ask questions about openings and to form resumes.*

Dohrman believes that if people consider the size and structure of Ellensburg they will realize that jobs are attainable for those who are dedicated to the cause.

*I think for the rural nature of our county and for how far the away nearest town is, employment opportunity for Central students is reasonably good,* Dohrman said.

Head of hiring needs at Fred Meyer, Rhonda Sullivan, said that out of the 196 employees currently working at the store, over half are Central students. Bi-Mart store manager Mike Bingham said that 15-20 percent of his hires attend Central.

While students must remain proactive when conducting a job hunt, they might realize that by looking for on-campus work they have more resources then they initially may have thought. Dohrman claims that Central hired roughly 2,500 student workers last year and the group earned $6 million. The student employment office also helps by posting off-campus job openings on the first floor of Barge Hall. Last fiscal year, Central had roughly 275 students who were employed in the local community.

While off-campus employment is a viable option, few new opportunities come up because students who do get hired at a good job will often hold that position for a substantial period of time. It is also difficult for community businesses to hire students because of scheduling conflicts and lack of flexibility due to studies. *We have a 70-year-old, a teenager and everything in between,* said Bingham. *When we have a college student, we’re aware they probably can only work nights and weekends.*

Other off-campus opportunities can be found for students who are willing to work for farmers, as school tutors or at Snoqualmie Pass. *They should totally spend it on a party and not on useless things like healthcare.*

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Speaker focuses on baby boomer, workforce demographic issues

by Ashley Bongers  
Staff reporter

A full house listened attentively as Mark N. Trahant spoke about issues which will affect the futures of Central Washington University students. Students, faculty and community members gathered at Central's Music Building Concert Hall Monday night to hear Trahant's public presentation titled "A Far Away World, A World Next Door."

"Be ready for a period of remarkable change," Trahant said. "Every carefully planned schedule is changed by something unknown." Trahant has won numerous journalism awards and ranked as a finalist for the 1989 Pulitzer Prize in national reporting as co-author of a series on Federal Indian Policy, according to a Central press release. He is a trustee of The Freedom Forum, which promotes free press, free speech and free spirit.

"I'd like to talk about the change in demographics and aging and what it might mean for you," Trahant said. In 2008, the baby boomer generation will begin to retire, according to Trahant. This demographic change will create a number of job openings. Between now and 2008, more than 500,000 secretaries, 400,000 truck drivers, 400,000 janitors, and 1.5 million teachers will be needed.

The job market, according to Trahant, will be great for any young person in the decades ahead due to the large number of baby boomers who will retire. Trahant feels that corporate pensions and social security are two important things that need to be discussed. "We are faced with a world growing older," Trahant said.

There has been a rapid increase in the length of life. Government, military, and corporate pensions, insurance, and Medicare must be considered with the increase in aging. Trahant raised the question of whether or not today's retirement and health standards should still apply in the future since people are living longer every day.

Trahant discussed global status and the world as one community. It is better to focus on both the United States and the world as a global community, according to Trahant. The best way to acquire a global perspective of the world is to travel, read and keep up with different perspectives.

"I was fascinated to learn that modern day issues in the U.S. are affecting other nations too," said Ryan Swanson, senior anthropology major. Everyone from students to faculty to community members came to hear Trahant speak.

"I read his column in the Sunday paper," career counselor Cynthia Murray said. "I came to see him in person.

President Jerilyn S. McIntyre established the Presidential Speaker Series to provide an additional source of intellectual stimulation on the campus and a forum for college discourse, according to Marian Lien, events planner with office of the president. "This is an opportunity for students at CWU to hear nationally, even internationally, recognized individuals talk about their areas of specialization or their perspective on important national events," Lien said. "This is a chance for students to participate in yet another dimension of intellectual discourse offered at this university."

The president selects an annual theme for each speaker of the series. Guest suggestions are invited, after which the president selects from among those recommended, Lien said. Reputation, cost and availability are a few of the factors considered when choosing a speaker.

"I am always enthralled in the Presidential Speakers," said Jim Schwing, chair of computer science. "I really like the series."

The audience, including Central's President Jerilyn S. McIntyre, enjoyed the speech.

Fulbright grants recognize professors' achievements

by Kathryn Lake  
Staff reporter

Eight hundred U.S. faculty and professionals will travel abroad to 140 countries during this academic year, including three professors from Central Washington University.

Tim Melbourne, geological sciences professor, Sara Ruth, English professor and director of the William O. Douglas Honors College and Mark Halperin professor emeritus of English received Fulbright Scholar grants this year.

For more than 50 years the Fulbright Scholar Program has offered grants for college and university faculty, as well as for professionals and independent scholars, to lecture and conduct research in countries around the globe.

"The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason and a little more passion into world affairs and thereby increase the chance that nations and those of other countries. It's a sort of cultural ambassadorship," Ruth said. Rath taught graduate and undergraduate seminars about American literature at his undergraduate alma mater Ravenshaw College in India during fall quarter 2004. He also gave faculty seminars on specialization or their perspective on important national events, Lien said. Reputation, cost and availability are a few of the factors considered when choosing a speaker.

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Central students hoping to take the prize continued from 1

A straw bale house is being built by Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization to help Ellensburg residents afford housing. Donations are accepted for projects.

Volunteers build straw house by Paul Kobylensky Staff reporter

Habitat for Humanity, along with volunteers from the Ellensburg community, is building a house of straw. The non-profit organization, known for building low-cost housing for people in need, embarked on a project early last year to build a house out of straw for Ellensburg resident JoAnn Tenney and her 15-year-old son Greg. The house, located at 708 South Tamarack Street, has not been completed.

"It should be done in spring or summer sometime," Tenney said.

The house was supposed to be done by now, but due to unforeseen events it is not completed.

"There was a lot of waiting for permits and stuff," Tenney said. "Also, Paul [Zeck, the construction manager for the project] thought we'd be working on it more than just two days a week, just one day a week."

Straw bales are used for the structure and heavy insulation. The bales replace much of the house's framing. The walls are covered in stucco making the house look similar to the ones in the community.

"I only know what I learn every Saturday working on it," Tenney said.

Because of the thickness of the hay bales, this method of constructing a house is ideal in many ways. "The walls are two feet thick," Zeck said. "It holds heat in well and it's very sound proof."

Though there are few negatives to straw bale construction, the downside is that it is very labor intensive. The house does present some problems for people other than the workers. Tenney has a couple of concerns of her own.

"I'm allergic to hay and I don't want mice and vermin in there," Tenney said. "But they tell me it's not a problem."

"They" are the volunteers that show up every Saturday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to help Tenney's house come to fruition. There are plenty of volunteers on this project.

"We had around 30 helpers last Saturday," Tenney said. "A core group of volunteers have been showing up since the beginning, and are around pretty much every Saturday."

According to Zeck, the reason for the large numbers of volunteers is that there are no real rules for becoming part of the project. Anyone who wants to help can show up and start working.

"Last time we worked, we had over a dozen people there and it was only nine degrees outside," Zeck said. "It's incredible, the amount of volunteers."

A large number of the volunteers showing up for the construction of the house come from Central Washington University. Some were attracted to it through Central's Civic Engagement Center and others knew about it through Habitat for Humanity. These days more and more students seem to show up to help, according to Zeck.

"I think that the real story is the college students," Zeck said. "So many of them turn up to help every day."

According to the Ellensburg branch of Habitat for Humanity's website, the money for the projects comes from donations. That is one reason the straw bale house was even a possibility.

"It's more expensive," Zeck said. "It's absolutely not a cheaper way of building."

According to Zeck, it will be Tenney's job to repay, over time, the cost of building the house. Only the materials will be owed back to Habitat. The land and all of the labor have been donated free of charge. Because of the donations, repaying for the straw bale construction becomes easier.

With such an unorthodox method of building a house and construction running through the middle of winter, it takes a lot of commitment and compassion to help with a project like this.

But the Ellensburg community has stepped up and Tenney and her son will have a few house before too long.
Mice infest Wilson Hall

Residents in Wilson Hall are getting some new roommates they hadn’t planned on. No, it’s not the winter quarter transfer students. It seems that Wilson’s location has made it a prime piece of real estate for some new roommates they hadn’t seen mice running down the halls and on the stairs, running under doors and stuff.

Although mice have been spotted occasionally in other residence halls in the past, Wilson Hall appears to be the most affected in the wake of Central’s recent construction projects. There was one mouse in North during full quarter, but Wilson seems to have most of the problem. The construction’s really stirred them up,” said Marty Dellinger, area mechanic and maintenance officer for Wilson. Wilson Hall, located on East 11th Avenue directly between the site of Holmes dining halls, has become a mouse Mecca and Wilson residents have to compete with the new tenants in a territory war.

Unfortunately, the methods available to campus maintenance to combat the mouse problem are limited. The most commonly-used type of mousetraps, those that lure the mouse with bait and snap the neck when a spring-loaded clamp is triggered, are illegal in Washington State due to prohibitions and restrictions, enacted in November 2000, on snare and illegal in Washington - State due to poison is that the mice will eat it, but the mouse problem are limited. However, these traps are not baited and therefore depend on a mouse wandering onto them by chance. These traps have also exacerbated student-mouse conflicts in some respects.

One Wilson resident was awakened one night by the squeaking of a partially trapped mouse running around her room dragging a trap behind it. Another student was bitten somewhere we can’t get to them to die and then they start to stink.” So far, maintenance has had to rely on “sticky-traps.” These adhesive pads, when placed along areas of heavy mouse traffic, hold the mice by the feet until they can be removed. However, these traps are not baited and therefore depend on a mouse wandering onto them by chance. These traps have also exacerbated student-mouse conflicts in some respects.

One Wilson resident was awakened one night by the squeaking of a partially trapped mouse running around her room dragging a trap behind it. Another student was bitten by a mouse while trying to extricate it from a trap and was taken to the emergency room for tests and treatment.

“We’re trying to get them before they get in,” Dellinger said.

Dellinger added that the mice are looking for warmth and food and predicted that the mice would likely be a noticeable presence throughout the winter months.

Residents in Wilson Hall or other residence halls who have seen mice or desire a sticky-trap in their room can call campus maintenance at (509) 963-3000.

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GRANTS: Formula outdated by government standards

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Director Agnes Canedo.

Canedo says that Washington Pell Grant recipients are disadvantaged in the new formula because it “does not adequately account for sales taxes paid by the lowest income groups.” Therefore, “the students with the minimum Pell Grants may be the ones to get cut off.”

Canedo says that it has been predicted that Pell Grant recipients would lose about $100 to $300 each.

The revised formula leaves some students in a state of outrage.

“It’s a pain in the ass” said Jaimi Jones, junior biology major. “There’s a lot of paperwork and it’s so confusing you don’t even know what’s required. You never get notified about anything on Safari.”

Jim Brown, professor of political science says that higher education is not a high priority in Congress.

“All levels of education have always been primarily a state responsibility, not a federal one,” Brown said.

For the current year, Central needs at least $500,000 to provide financial aid to all eligible students, and in November 2004, Central ran out of state-assigned funding, Canedo said.

Another crisis students face with the declining number of Pell Grants is that they are forced to take out private loans, often with higher interest rates.

According to Canedo, it is becoming more common for families to lack the financial means to send their kids to college.

“The financial burden is falling completely on students”, Canedo said.

However, help may be on the way.

More bills have been proposed by Congress to balance the budget, including bills to financial aid, according to a press release made by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. The bills could benefit students by prohibiting states to cut higher education funding and place the tab on students and their families. They would give incentives to colleges that make their tuition more affordable. One bill would double the maximum Pell Grant entitlement and provide low interest loans to student borrowers by giving them the freedom to invest in a wider variety of lending institutions.

Another bill would make it illegal for banks to make profits from college student loans. A fourth bill, the Direct Loan Reward Act, introduced by the Congressional Budget Office, would allow students to borrow money directly from the U.S. Treasury. In turn, billions of dollars could be used to fund Pell Grants.

Even though each bill has been proposed in Congress, none have been signed into law, and it may be awhile before college students see any signs of relief.

Pellets of facts

*Mice breed all year long.

*Mice live an average of 10 months, but can live for over two years.

*Mice gestation is 21 days.

*Mice can have a litter on an average of once every 25 days.

*One mouse litter will have four to eight babies in it.

*Mice can thrive with only three or four grams of food per day and do not require water if their food has moisture.

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Central Washington University and Ellensburg have been dealing with binge drinking, underage partying and late-night debauchery for years. Likewise, a small city in the United Kingdom is experiencing and trying to remedy drinking problems.

Currently in UK legislation a bill has been put on hold to allow a 24-hour drinking law in the city center of Birmingham. If passed, all of the pubs and clubs on one specified street can serve alcohol all night and day. Police chiefs and city council members fear costs and increased crime will occur by allowing one street in Birmingham alcohol access night and day. One police commissioner even went as far to say that "easy access to alcohol was breeding 'urban savages' with town centers becoming no-go areas." A vote to pass the 24-hour drinking law should occur in the near future.

So who cares about UK legislation? Who cares about a bunch of drunkards who want to drink pints while watching reruns of "Mr. Bean."

Well, there is a connection.

As stated above, the university battles with binge drinking on a weekly basis. They are light years away from 24-hour drinking access, but might be only miles away from effective community communication. Finally in my fourth year here at Central I am seeing some positive changes, yet negative ones still persist.

The Ellensburg police chief and university officials recently tried to reach out to students by holding an open forum to hear alternative options from clueless freshmen to underachieving seniors, all equipped with red cups and several ounces, to my surprise no skirmishes or shouting matches occurred. Students were well informed and reached out to students by holding an open forum to hear alternative options from clueless freshmen to underachieving seniors, all equipped with red cups and several ounces, to my surprise no skirmishes or shouting matches occurred. Students were well informed and

Editorial offers little facts

I am writing in response to Andrew Grinaker’s January 20th Observance "What to do with $40 million?" Where do I start? Your little article hits some many facts, but fails to make an educated point.

You start with the recent tsunami and claim meaningful statistics about how much the United States government is spending in the relief effort. But, as we all know the U.S. government has spent more than $350 million, not including the private donations from Americans, and not in reaction of our military support.

You then move on to the cost of the inauguration of our 43rd President’s second term. You claim the three day event, which hosts all of Congress, past Presidents, The Supreme Court, and diplomats costs $40 million. Every President before Bush had an inauguration: Why shouldn’t Bush? If most of the money is coming from private contributions, what is your point? Even if all of the money came from the federal government, I would have no problem spending the money to protect all our federal government.

I believe, Andrew, you are living in the pre-February 2nd days and you are still bitter about Bush being re-elected. If John Kerry was elected, would you be writing the same article I think not.

Andrew Grinaker is the Observer Editor-in-Chief. He can be reached at grinaker@cwu.edu.

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Brought large amounts of money to the Tobacco Institute. Also, Bill used for something other than what his two inaugurations opposed to his presidency. I would not have to donate to that office.

Before writing about the excessiveness of the Bush campaigns, some research on what past presidents have spent on their inauguration:

Matt Spray
Senior, History Education

Rodeo Record fans off

Recently the owner of Rodeo Records announced that he will be closing the doors, and going out of business permanently. In the years that I have lived here I’ve enjoyed having Rodeo Records available to me. Although I am glad that the owner is moving on to bigger and better things other than Ellensburg, I am sad to see him and the store go.

I just can’t imagine how this campus and community can’t support a locally run business full of culture and touched by fame but a new bar is opening up right around the corner: P-Dub’s. It’s an alluring name for a new bar that will probably be the heresy in the croch of Washington that we live in.

The Mist served crappy drinks plagued by worse music, The Horsekill is no better, The Oakrail and Horseshoe is no better, The Tav of played at any other bar. The Tav at least has Karaoke, but that usually is mostly feeling like what’s the point? Why jeopardize a perfectly good friendship by placing another set of standards and meanings on it? It doesn’t seem worth it to me. So right now I’m at a point where I’m only going to date. The advantages of love. But this time, it just does suck sometimes, but I know I seem neurotic and quirky because there is something wrong with me. The end I’ll be okay.

Jennifer Turner
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At his second inauguration, George W. Bush was undoubtedly at his rhetorical best. His message was upbeat and eloquently delivered, and based on agreeable principles. “So it is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world.” Bush’s words were inspiring and consequential—particularly when compared to the infinitesimal negativity coming from the left. But were they convincing?

The Bush administration is the most ambitious and idealistic in recent memory, and most Americans who describe themselves as conserv­ative apparently approve of Bush’s efforts to achieve his goals. Meanwhile, large numbers of people are unable to view any development as encouraging: they see oppression, war crimes, inequality, corruption and corporate greed everywhere they look. This raises a valid question: what are we to think of the right’s newfound cherish outlook on the future? Can anyone convince them in their own ability to shape it?

This state of affairs seems very strange when one considers that conservatism is ultimately rooted in pessimism, and those who call themselves liberals or “progressives” are, at their core, optimistic about the potential of self-government and human nature and in the perfectibility of man. Yet “progressives” are, at times, just as incapable of ever seeing progress. To them, the Reichstag is always burning; Republican totalitarianism is at all times a single step away, regardless of who is in office.

For my part, I find such views to be the right’s call for America to take a more assertive role in spreading liberty across the globe.

Not since Woodrow Wilson has a president embraced such a Heresiaul role. And there seems to be great confidence in some circles that total victory over tyranny and oppression is within our grasp, provided we have the will to reach for it.

This optimism seems to be the essence of what has been dubbed “neo-conservatism” — a term that appears to be universally reviled by all who have not received the label. These pundits and policy makers persistently maintain that their views are substantially different from conservatives of previous eras. But are they accurately in saying that?

Conservatism in America, as it has traditionally been understood, is deeply rooted in a pessimistic view of human nature. The conservative can characteristically be said to subscribe to some form of the doctrine of Original Sin, and therefore is acutely aware of limits on human potential.

The authoritative Russell Kirk provided the best, most timeless description of the conservative: “‘Proponents of a Utopian Terrestrial Paradise to the faithful; and ordinarily that paradise is to be achieved by a single step away.” Kirk didn’t have the misfortune of the right’s view of the world.

Over a month ago, I ended my latest relation­ship. Nothing entirely horrible hap­pened — I just didn’t feel like being in a relation­ship anymore. I am finding more and more that this is something people cannot un­derstand. But what I don’t understand is the constant pressure to constantly be in a relation­ship forever.

Why do people treat being sin­gle like a disease? I’m not going to stress out “Sex and the City” and “The City” because I don’t feel that suf­focating pressure to find a lifelong mate yet. But if I were in my mid­thirties, who knows? The thing that I find out today is that I am in the prime of my life, and I have people telling me that I’m missing out because I’m not tied down. Or tied to someone else.

I admit, in the past I was that girl. You know, the one who always had a boyfriend. From age 16 on, it was a different guy, some spanned years even, each a differ­ent type of relationship, but a relationship all the same. I can’t say that I ever considered myself “Gosh, I have someone.” It always seemed more to me to be a coincidence that right after I’d broken up with [insert name here], the next [insert name here] would appear in my life. But this time, it just hasn’t felt right. Sure, I’ve gone through a few crushes and flirtations, but nothing has really jumped out at me. It’s been more fascinating for me to just meet new people, and not know them, and in turn figure out things about myself.

But that pressure is still there. I still start to wonder what my life will be. Especially since one of my closest and most trusted friends right now is a guy. People are con­stantly asking both of us about getting together. To be honest, right now I’m mostly feeling like what’s the point? Why jeopardize a perfectly good friendship by placing another type of relationship, but a relationship all the same. I can’t say that I ever considered myself...
Beer fans delighted with first Ellensburg Brewfest

by Taishi Kanamaru
Staff reporter

Beer is not only something that makes people drunk, but also something that helps them unite and have a good time. Last Saturday, Jan. 22, the first annual Winter Hop, A Brew Fest, held by Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce, took place from 1 to 7 p.m. in downtown Ellensburg. About 1,000 people enjoyed five samples of great local beers for $10.

The breweries that participated in the festival included the Ice Harbor Brewing Company, the Snoqualmie Falls Brewing Company, the Alpine Brewery, the Winthrop Brewing Company, the Roslyn Brewing Company, and the Iron Horse Brewery.

The whole downtown was packed with people wearing yellow wristband that let them line up for beers and a souvenir glass.

According to the executive assistant for Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce, Leslie Berry, about 95 percent of those attendees were non-students. "Some of them were all the way from Seattle, Yakima, Wenatchee or Spokane," Berry said.

Due to many visitors from outside the Ellensburg area, some students who tried to purchase tickets on the day of the event were disappointed to see the "Tickets Sold Out" sign on the ticket and info center.

"I wanted to go to the tour, but instead I will just go to some bar, then party and bullshit," said Christopher Michael, marketing major.

At the Starlight Lounge, one of the eight local businesses that opened their doors for the festival, the scene was different from the usual. A few students were drinking and flirting, but there was a more laid-back atmosphere that helped people relax and enjoy beers. Although there were about 25 people in line for the beer, none of them seemed to be in a hurry or frustrated. It even looked as if they were spending their time in line meeting new people and chatting.

Paul Baker, the director of the Central Washington University Foundation, is one of the people who enjoyed the great taste of local beers.

"Those microbrews were way better than the big products like Bud Light," Baker said. He is also a member of the chamber and hopes the festival will go on.

"We haven't set the date yet, but I am pretty sure it is going to be annual," Baker said.

Music on the day of the event was something different than the usual hard rock or hip-hop that gets students pumping. There was laid-back music all over that was perfect for beer tasting.

RavinWolf, the acoustic guitar duo, played some folk and blues rock at Those Callahan Girls antique shop. They impressed the attendees by covering songs by the Blues Travelers.

"We just want them to enjoy themselves," said Mike Reilly, who played some folk-rock music at Mountain High Sports.

Even Fitterer's Furniture store provided people with a great time by letting them drink beers on the chairs and couches that were for sale. People took this opportunity to have an enjoyable day.

"People were having a good time," Katie Hudson, a store employee, said.

Hudson also wishes the festival will be annual.

"I hope so," Hudson said when asked if she wants it to happen again next year. "It was fun.

Winter Hop began this year, and the chamber is working to make it larger for next year. Both attendees and local businesses felt the festival was nothing but great.

Where to find Northwest Lagers

Snoqualmie Brewing Co.
Established: 1997
City: Downtown Snoqualmie

Redhook
Established: 1981
City: Seattle
Brewery now located in Woodinville

Rattlesnake Mountain Brewing Co.
Established: 1997
City: Richland
Uses hops from Yakima

Iron Horse Brewery
Established: 2004
City: Ellensburg
Family owned Microbrewery

Ice Harbor Brewing Co.
Established: 1995
City: Pasco
Name chosen to celebrate history of Central Washington
Roommate Tales

Compiled by Rachel Guillermo
Scene editor

Editor's note: All names have been changed to protect the embarrassment.

I was sooo pissed off!

Becky, a senior now living in the same apartment complex but different apartment, recalled a time when she was so suprised that her roommate got so drunk and high that Becky had to put her to bed in her clothes for the night. About a month after finally getting her roommate to bed, Becky was awoken to a loud sound coming from the kitchen. She quickly got up only to find her roommate sitting in the dark on a pile of cardboard boxes with her pants around her ankles.

"She was so drunk that she thought she was going to the bathroom!" Becky said. "I didn't know whether to cry or laugh!"

Becky later added that there was a mysterious liquid surrounding the boxes.

"As soon as I stepped in it with my bare feet I knew it was peanut milk!" Becky said. "I was so annoyed that I had to clean it up."

Gruelling to the Gravel

As a freshman, Mike was considered "the party animal," and was always aware of his RAs when he lived in the Bassettes. One night after "hanging out" with the boys, Mike returned to his hall. As he got to his dorm, Mike noticed that one of his RAs was going into the building. So he ducked behind a tree and waited a few minutes for his RA to go inside.

"I thought he was going to give me a hard time for coming back to the dorm," Mike said. "So I just waited until it was safe." The next day Mike saw the same RA, but his forehead was covered with huge hages.

"He was telling everyone he fell off his bike," Mike said.

The next year the RA was no longer an RA and he and Mike became friends. Mike then found out that on that night his RA was coming back from a party drunk and puked in the gravel parking lot behind the Bassettes, and then fell in it.

Most pant visits

Last year when Jenna and Sarah lived in Davies Hall, their next-door neighbor did not like the word "panties." He and their other neighbor from across the hall did not like the word "panties." Jenna and Sarah wrote "panties" on their white boards for the rest of the year. Their neighbors were really upset about the vandalism. Jenna and Sarah are still friends. They have strange neighbors but have never confessed to the crime.

Over my head

Rachel was in her dorm room in North Hall one afternoon studying for a test. She became thirsty and decided to fill her water bottle down the hall. Rachel noticed that the door next to the fountain was slightly open. "I knew the girl that lived there so I thought I'd go in and say, 'Hi.'"

Upon nearing the door Rachel heard a female voice say, "No Scan, just put my leg behind your head."

Rachel quickly turned around and went back into her room. She refused to visit her friend when her boyfriend was over. Rachel still cannot look her in the eye without-smiling.

Please allow me to retort: Pulp Fiction rules screen

This past weekend, while home for a swim meet, I went to my old college and decided to cease payment on a Mexican movie marathon. It was rock and roll and hard-core, in-your-face violence from early works such as "True Romance" and "Reservoir Dogs" to later films like "Kill Bill, Vol. I and 2." From "Dusk till Dawn," the amazing "Jackie Brown" and of course, "Pulp Fiction." As a finale, my film festival ended in a long and hard-thought reflection of why "Pulp Fiction" was so captivating to me.

We've all seen it, and if we haven't then we wish we had.

Perhaps the greatest Quentin Tarantino work of all time, of course, "Pulp Fiction" offers the most riveting experience a film viewer can ever hope for. "Pulp Fiction" delighted audiences members and disturb others, I think, for the same reason: because it toys with our expectations. It doesn't seem willing to play by the rules. It imposes its own order onto the material.

Just at a time when American action films seem bogged down in a jungle of rigid plots, here is one that throws out everything they teach in the Hollywood screenwriting workshops. It reinvents a genre from scratch. "Pulp Fiction" is likely to be one of the most influential films of the next 10 years for eager-minded college students everywhere, and for that we can be thankful. It may have freed us from uncounted predictable formula films. On campuses and among moviegoers, I think there is no other recent film approaching its appeal.

Nominated for the 1994 Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Original Screenplay, "Pulp Fiction" put a face on the American Independent film industry. Its mastery of violence, chaos, and generally deviant behavior is a blow to the senses, not to mention political correctness.

"Pulp Fiction" in a nutshell: (for those that have yet to experience the masterpiece) offers an inside look at a memorable community of criminals. Prize fighter Butch Coolidge, played by Bruce Willis, has decided to cease payment on a deal he's made with the devil. Honey Bunny and Pumpkin, played by Uma Thurman and Tim Roth, are a couple of young lovers and small time thieves who decide they need a change of venue.

Meanwhile, two career criminals, Vincent Vega, played by John Travolta and Jules Winnfield played by Samuel L. Jackson, go about their daily business of shooting up other bad guys who are late on payments to their boss. While Vincent (Travolta) is asked to baby sit their boss' knock-out young wife, Jules (Jackson) suddenly comes to the conclusion that he must give up his life of crime.

Jackson, who plays the Bible-quoting, God-fearing hit man, Jules, in "Pulp Fiction" in a role that he considers so powerful, that he won an Oscar for his portrayal. Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction" is perhaps the only major film to date that has been nominated for an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. It is considered by many to be the greatest film of the 90s, and is considered by many to be the greatest film of all time. A film that has won an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay.

In Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction," the true is a bit. A bunch of crazy stuff that happened to people, who were bound to get into stuff like that. And along the way, it's amusing.

Whether it's the unconventional, non-linear story telling, the eerie and claustrophobic scenes from within a car trunk, the intensity in a Mexican standoff in which three or more characters are packed into a small space, at the same time, the mystery behind a black leather suitcase, or the off-screen violence that drives your imagination into the furthest realm, "Pulp Fiction" has something for everybody...except maybe your parents.

The first time I saw the movie in 1998, I thought it was frighteningly violent, as I saw it a second and third time, I realized it wasn't as violent as I thought -- certainly not by the standards of modern action movies. The body count turns up only seven major deaths, but it is more violent because it often hinders a payoff with humorless, dialogue, and emotional ambiguity.

Of course there are people who strongly detest "Pulp Fiction." I have to give it to them; it is possibly the most controversial movie ever to gross $100 million at the American box office.

I've heard from those who hate the movie, that it's too violent, too graphic, too obscure "or makes no sense." Many say they walked out after 20, 30 or 60 minutes. (Given its running time of 166 minutes, of course it made no sense to them.)

"Sure, Pulp Fiction's a violent movie. But it's a Tarantino movie. You don't go to see Metallica and ask the (guys) to turn the music down," Tarantino said when criticized about violence in his films in an interview with Barbara Walters on "The View" in 1994.

I think Pulp Fiction is a film that never gets old. Unforgettable and inventive, Tarantino offers one of those roller coaster rides that is both a thrill and a trial to sit through.
Star rated films

Movie reviews by the Observer Staff

Elektra disappoints true action lovers

I may be in the minority here, but I liked "Daredevil" and I especially liked the butt-whoopin' Elektra. So I was excited when I heard she was getting her own movie. I expected it to be an awesome action flick with a good plot. I was disappointed.

"Elektra" takes place a few years after "Daredevil." Elektra has been raised from the dead and trained by martial arts guru Stick. After being kicked out of Stick's martial arts academy for being too violent and angry, she goes to work as an assassin.

Her latest assignment is to take out a man named Mark Miller and his daughter Abby. However, she develops feelings for the family and becomes their protector against an organization of evil assassins known as The Hand.

On the plus side, this movie has some pretty cool special effects, tattoos come off a man's body and come to life and people move at super speeds.

Where "Elektra" falls short is in the story telling. It gets boring for awhile in the middle, and a lot of things, like how and why Elektra was raised from the dead, why she became an assassin, and the ultimate goal of the Hand are given little or no explanation. So little of the characterization of the characters is shown, that it's hard to like them or care if they're alive by movie's end.

The few fight scenes are the best parts of the movie. However, they aren't as spectacular as the fight scenes in other action movies like "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." "Elektra" is a so-so film. Not an amazing action movie, but not a bad movie to go see if you're looking to kill an hour and a half.

Elektra

Starring:
Jennifer Garner
Goran Visnjic
Kristen Prout

The Liberty Theater:
Evening showtimes:
@ 6:50 & 9:10
Matinee Sat.-Sun.
@ 2:15
Wednesday Matinee
@ 4:30
For other showtimes and movies call the Grand Meridian Theater at 982-3466.

Preparations are made for the faculty show opening tomorrow in Randall Hall.

Facility struts their stuff at art exhibition

by Kazuo Saito

The Biennial Faculty Exhibition will open from Jan. 29 to Feb. 20, at the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery of Central Washington University. The show will hold your heart and make you dream. Don't miss this opportunity to be a temporary connoisseur or critic.

"This faculty exhibition began in 1969, so it has been 36 years," said Heather Horn, gallery manager. "The goal of the exhibit is to have opportunities to show faculty work to every student and faculty in other fields, and staff at CWU."

The gallery presents a biennial exhibition featuring over 50 artworks in a variety of two and three-dimensional media by current and emeritus faculty members. Selected highlights include hand-woven wool and cane-basketry baskets by Shari Stoddard, and jewelry with an unexpected twist by metalsmith Keith Lewis. Also featured are Brian Goeltzenleuchter's interactive works such as "Study for a painting," and video installations by Donna Stack.

The gallery has included artwork by emeritus faculty: wood sculpture by Gray Balogh, watercolors by Louis Kollmeyer, photographs by Jim Chalmers, professor in the photography and digital imaging department of art.

Admission is free and the gallery will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

A free public reception will be held on Jan. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. Punch and snacks will be available at the reception.

"Most of us exhibit our works nationally, and we are very lucky for more than two of us to show in the same venue," Chalmers said. "One of the seductive points of the BGFA program in art is that we have found opportunities to exhibit our work."

Punch and snacks will be available at the reception.

Faculty members - this means that our students, upon graduating, receive a very broad and dynamic education in the arts."
New theater may pose threat to Liberty

by Sarah Masahi
Staff reporter

When the Grand Meridian Cinema opened last fall many people wondered what was going to happen to the Grand Central Theatre.

Both the Grand Meridian Cinema and the Grand Central Theatre are owned by Ellensburg resident Keith Riexinger.

While Riexinger admits that the Grand Central was hit with a profit loss since the opening of the Grand Meridian, the Grand Central will stay open.

Jake Kirkwood a junior at Central Washington University, major undecided, is a projectionist at the Grand Central Theatre. Kirkwood said there has been a noticeable difference in the number of people coming to the Grand Central since the Grand Meridian opened.

"It's definitely a lot slower with all the people going to see the newer movies at the Grand Meridian," Kirkwood said.

Some of the new films have come to the Grand Central after a period of being played at the Grand Meridian to make way for more new movies to be shown, Kirkwood said. The Grand Central will still occasionally open new release films.

"We're using the Grand Central just the same as we always have," Riexinger said.

There are no plans to make the Grand Central a $2 theater. This includes no plans of offering a student discount—"it's either the theater here," Kirkwood said. "I don't see this place closing down."

One difference patrons may notice at the Grand Central is the advertising for the Grand Meridian. Kirkwood said that at this time they are focusing on drawing more attention to the Grand Meridian as it is a newer business. Some may wonder why the Grand Central was not just remodeled instead of bringing a new theater to Ellensburg.

The Grand Central was due for a remodel about a year ago, however due to plans for the new theater, it was put on hold. A complete remodel to bring the Grand Central up to code would not be a practical business move according to Riexinger.

Riexinger wanted to bring a theater similar to those on the westside to the Ellensburg community.

"We saw a need and had a desire," Riexinger said. "We're glad to be here, we feel it's a beautiful theater. Riexinger hopes the students and community members will like the new theater as well.

The Grand Meridian does not accept debit, credit cards or checks; it's a cash only business just like the other two theaters in town. They do however offer an ATM for convenience.

The Liberty is now one of three theaters in town. Jeri Jacobson, manager of the Liberty Theater, declined an interview, saying only, "As long as the Liberty is playing movies people want, we're happy with what we're doing."

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Please contact the Office of Graduate Studies and Research at 509-963-3101 with any questions about the assistantship program.
Gangsta rap group "Wolf Pack" shows Ellensburg their skillz

by Taishi Kanamori
Staff reporter

Are you tired of the unrealistic "hip-poppin'" junk that you continuously hear on radio stations like KFMM or KISS and are not even close to "hip-hop"?

Wolf Pack is a rap group led by a Central Washington University student. The group just finished filling their third performance since forming. It can be seen on "Ellensburg Extreme!" and might be the prescription for you to see the way hip-hop is supposed to be.

Wolf Pack is made up of Courtney "Moses" Smith, Marcus "Kay-O" Smith, Dion "Daze" Smith, Quilen "Big Kraze" Anderson and Bear "Bezel.

Wolf Pack performed three songs on "Ellensburg Extreme!" including "Why U Hate Me," "Night Coooper" and "Up N Hurr" off their first album titled "Blow."

Anderson, junior business management major at Central and producer of the group, said the performance was "damn good."

The songs feature hardcore gangsta-like lyrics with a mixture of sound from the Midwest and South. Wolf Pack has been creating menacing music with a sense of tension, which is essential for hip-hop.

"I started making beats when I was thirteen. I am twenty-one now. So it's been a long time since I have been messing with beats," Anderson said.

Last year, Wolf Pack opened for Twista in Bellingham.

"That was ridiculous," Anderson said. "It was great having crowds like that supporting you."

As the producer of the group and a college student, Anderson has been leading a busy life.

"It was tough since I was playing baseball and having a girlfriend here," Anderson said.

However, he still finds himself trying to balance out everything.

"You just gotta go do it since these hard things make you stronger," Anderson said.

Anderson gets ideas for lyrics and beats totally dependent on what kind of moods he is in every day.

"When I am in a good mood, the only thing I can hear is one happy beat," Anderson said. "When I am in a bad mood or mad about something, I want to hear something about bounced out dirty underground beat."

Everytime ideas for lyrics and beats come to Anderson, he tries to put them into the recorder as soon as possible. He goes to the studio in his house and puts them into the keyboards.

This is how he devotes himself to the music he believes as a college student. Wolf Pack is working on a deal to their CD will go nationwide, but they're still waiting for Anderson to finish school.

"For now, I am not thinking about profit, and this is where it takes," Anderson said.

The performance was aired on Ellensburg Extreme channel 2 Jan 20. The show may also be seen Online at www.ellensburgextreme.com.

For more information on the group you can contact Wolf Pack Production at (425) 753.0549 or wolfpackmusic@ yahoo.com.

Classes taste like wine

by Jordan Youngs
Staff reporter

Central Washington University's Continuing Education Office is offering the World Wine Program in conjunction with recreation and tourism. The classes offered are RT 402 Wine Basics, RT 403 The Global World of Wine, and RT 404 The Wine Trade. All of the classes are offered through the recreation and tourism department. Upon completion of the five credit courses, students will receive a Wine Trade Professional Certificate, which will allow students to work in the business world of wine.

Amy Mumma, the program instructor, said students who take these courses will go on field trips, professionally evaluate various wines, learn the business side of wine and which foods certain wines go with. Mumma received a diploma of tasting at the Universite de Bourgogne in Dijon, France. She also received the Advanced Certificate in Wine and Spirits from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust. In addition, she has a nine year background in marketing and sales.

"Central is lucky to have Mumma on campus; she is a master wine connoisseur from the U.K.," said Kevin Nemeth, director of Continuing Education.

The World Wine Program is designed for students seeking a career in the wine industry. It teaches them business skills, marketing skills, ways to be competitive in the wine industry, winemaking, major wine regions and styles, and wine evaluation.

"Wine is a part of anybody's world," Mumma said.

The World Wine Program classes are only offered winter quarter. The classes are offered spring quarter to earn the certificate, but not receive credit.

The program compliments other programs at Washington State University and Yakima Valley College that offer classes for viticulture (science of growing grapes) and wine making.

When students sign up for this program there are additional fees required. The fees cover all the costs for wine and the various field trips that the class takes. Taking the class just to drink wine is not the idea, one must "spit out" their wine after tasting, Mumma said. Central also offers non-credit consumer classes targeting CWU and the local community.

"It is a great opportunity to learn more about wine regions around the world and what to look for when shopping for new wines," said Pam Zupan, human resources assistant director. "Amy makes the class really fun and informative."

Mumma also leads tours to wine regions throughout the world for small groups. If you are interested in the world of wine or hope to seek a
Wildcats outlast Lumberjacks in double overtime thriller

Wildcats 96
Lumberjacks 87
Central 4-3, 8-8

Leading scorers:
- Kyle Boast, 15 pts.
- Lance Den Boer, 22 pts.

Next Games:
- Tonight at Seattle
- Saturday, Jan. 29 at Northwest Nazarene

Wildcats sting Yellowjackets

by Eric Norris
Staff reporter

Seattle Pacific University's consecutive conference win streak showed no signs of stopping as it extended to 49 after a victory over the Central Washington University men's basketball team lost their first home game of the season, in which the Western Oregon University Wolves defeated Central 92-84. In the first four minutes of the game Central led 14-8. However, within the next five minutes, the Wolves took charge with a 17-4 run, placing them ahead by five points. The rest of the game, the Wolves never looked back. In the second half, the Wolves started by making 12 of the first 14 points, giving them a lead over the Wildcats of 60-44. Wildcat Lance Den Boer picked up the heat, scoring 8 of the 12 points for Central in the final 1:17 of the game. Den Boer had a game high with 28 points while shooting 7 of 8 free throws. Robert Hicks added 18 points and Kyle Boast scored 13 points. The Wildcats shot 77 percent from the free throw line, but only 40 percent from three-point range. They had 34 points in the paint and had 11 fast break points. Western Oregon took home their first win at Central since 1935. In the game against the Humboldt State Lumberjacks, Wildcat fans seemed to be playing a lot better than they did in the first half.

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Staff reporter

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In the first half, we looked sluggish," said coach Greg Sparling. "In the second half, we picked things up. We had to do without Lance, so we didn't allow any second chance points." Central's Chris Bannish did very well in overtime scoring all his 14 points in those ten minutes. Kyle Boast had 22 points, the most of any player on both teams and had 12 rebounds in the game. Wildcats' Den Boer went down with an ankle injury, so the team needed to fill in for one of their key players. "We needed to step up the game since Lance went down," junior guard Chris Bannish said. And that's exactly what the team did. Throughout the second half, the team seemed to be playing a lot better than they did in the first half.

"We knew this game was important since we lost on Thursday," said coach Greg Sparling. "I didn't feel like I played my best tonight," Hicks said. "But this team has a lot of potential." Everyone on the team agreed that they had to work on defense, but this game sent Humboldt State home with a loss. "We have a very young team, but we are proud in defeat," said Lumberjacks head coach Tom Wood. Central travels to Seattle for their next game on Jan. 27 and they are on the road for four consecutive games.
ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: Jamie Corwin

High School in Auburn, Washington.

After high school she moved to California to play basketball for San Diego. But after two years she decided to be closer to home. Corwin immediately got along with all of her new teammates and is happy with her decision.

“I love all the girls on the team and the coaches are awesome,” Corwin said.

Corwin is very motivated when it comes to basketball. “I’ve always liked competition, it’s fun to compete,” Corwin said.

Corwin is a fashion merchandise major so it makes sense that she likes to go shopping in her free time.

Jamie by the numbers:
Points Per Game: 13.3
Free Throw percent: 87.1
Field Goal percent: 50.6

DODGING FOR SUCCESS

by Brooke Saul

The intramural season has finally started and dodgeball, a popular sport around Central Washington University has taken students by storm. Players joined dodgeball hoping to have fun and compete against fellow students. Some players might take it too seriously such as one member of the Hawk Squad, who was thrown out due to excessive profanity.

However, most players joined to have a great time and are showing excellent sportsmanship.

“Dodgeball can make you feel 10 again,” said Jordan Ransom, junior marketing major.

Ransom started playing in elementary school. There are many reasons why people decide to play dodgeball.

“To do something,” was the reason Casey Person, sophomore biology major, joined the team. “Our team, Ramrod will be simply stunning.”

“We were bored and we needed to do something other than sit in our apartment,” said Almost Here’s Tanner Leingang, sophomore business major. “We knew what it took to be champions.”

Some of the players who are involved in dodgeball felt the movie “Dodgeball,” which starred Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn, had an impact on why they joined dodgeball.

“The movie Dodgeball was an inspiration,” Leingang said.

One of the teams is even called Globo Gym, which was a team’s name in the movie.

Dodgeball will take place on Monday’s and Wednesday’s from 7-9 p.m. upstairs in Nicholson Pavilion until Feb. 9th.

BASKETBALL: Women win big against strong Northwest foe

Central dictated the tempo of the game throughout the first half. Following a 33-13 run by Central, sparked by 17 Montana State turnovers, the Wildcats entered halftime with a commanding 46-25 lead.

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Alayna Vincent’s 10 points, the most of her 27 minutes on the floor by scoring a game high 19 points as well as recording three assists in 30 minutes. With senior Lori Astinle made the most of her 27 minutes on the floor by scoring a game high 19 points as well as recording three steals.

Junior Jamie Corwin made her contribution with 18 points and 6 assists in 30 minutes. With senior Alaya Vincent’s 10 points, the Wildcats had three scorers in double digits.

As a team, Central shot 44 percent from the field and had only one free-throw attempt in the second half.

After recording five blocks against Central, Montana State senior Robyn Milne moved into the top 25 all-time shot-blockers in NCAA Division II history with 235.

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Despite a strong effort early in the second half, Central proved too much for the Yellowjackets to handle.

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The Yellowjackets came out shooting in the second half which began with a 15-0 Montana State run. After recording five blocks against Central, Montana State senior Robyn Milne moved into the top 25 all-time shot-blockers in NCAA Division II history with 235.

Central’s record improved to 11-5 after the win Saturday against ninth ranked Montana State in the NCAA Division II West region at 13-4.

The Wildcats head west of the mountains to face Seattle University tonight and on Saturday Jan. 29 they head to Bellingham to face arch-rival Western Washington University.

Top Ten Movies

1. Rocky
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Home: Away:

Lockout locks up Stanley Cup, fans have other ideas

by Pat Brown
Asst. Sports editor

The Stanley Cup is one of the greatest traditions in all of sports. It is a symbol of hockey supremacy, with the names of the reigning champions inscribed on it every year. With the current lockout between the National Hockey League and the league’s players association it appears that no names will be added to the cup this year, something that has only happened twice since the cup’s inception.

A group of Edmonton, Alberta hockey fans have another plan though. Tom Thurston, Mark Suits and Michael Payne formed Free Stanley. The goal of Free Stanley is to insure a Stanley Cup playoff happens regardless of whether the NHL season takes place or not. The mission statement on their Web site at www.freestanley.com states, “If there is no NHL season the Stanley Cup should then be awarded to the best hockey team in Canada, which was Lord Stanley’s (the cup’s founder) original intent for the Cup.”

They claim that the NHL should not have control over the cup because it contradicts the bylaws Lord Stanley created when the cup was first inceptioned. Lord Stanley had said, “The Cup was not to be the property of any given team or league at any given time.”

Free Stanley has gained a legal opinion as well. According to Roderick C. Payne Jr., a partner in the law firm Hustwick Wetch Moffatt & McCae in Edmonton, Alberta, the current trustees have independent control of the cup, not the NHL. The NHL has not commented on Free Stanley and their legal opinion but it has been their policy not to concern themselves with hypothetical situations.

The Stanley Cup dates back to 1892 when Governor General Lord Stanley purchased the cup for $50. Today Lord Stanley intended for the cup to go to the best amateur team in Canada but later expanded the tournament to include all of North America for competitive reasons.

From 1892-1926 the Stanley Cup champions were not NHL members. This included the 1917 Seattle Metropolitan who were the first American team to win the cup. During this time the Stanley Cup went to the best amateur team in North America.

The NHL has traditionally named a Stanley Cup Champion, but with no end to the lockout in sight it appears the tradition will be lost.

NHL players association president Trevor Linden is telling players to prepare for the lockout to continue deep into next season. With this news surfacing, Free Stanley looks more and more like the right idea for hockey fans.

“You guys make me feel proud! Here I thought I was the only one thinking that way. Go get em and bring that cup home!” Lorne Fedorchuk of Smoky Lake, Alberta wrote.

Here in the States hockey enthusiasts may not be as high but Free Stanley is still getting support. “It sounds exciting, it would be interesting to see amateurs play instead of overpaid, whining athletes,” said senior marketing major Eric Smith.

For any more progress to be made Free Stanley would need support from a team or league not associated with the NHL. This would have to be either a senior league or collegiate league.

Teams like the Seattle Thunderbirds of the WHL would not be eligible since the WHL serves as a minor league to the NHL. Government intervention, which is even less likely to occur, would be the only other way to further the Free Stanley movement.

Free Stanley’s founders are just glad they can help hockey fans all over North America vent some NHL-induced angst.

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The weekly sports face-off

Should Randy Moss be traded?

Hello there ladies and gents, this is the start of a new weekly sports face-off, I am Jon Mentzer, Sports editor, and I bring the weekly sports knowledge to your fingertips and teach my clinical genius to the unknown.

It has been brought to my attention that the Minnesota Vikings are toying with the idea of trading Randy Moss to the Oakland Raiders for a first-round draft pick and cornerback Phillip Buchanon. Are the Vikings giving up? Or are they giving up?

I think they might. Head coach Mike Tice is not only the worst play caller in the league, but the worst motivator. In the game against the Seahawks, Tice called for an end around pass from Randy Moss, who by the way is not a quarterback. Pass first-round draft pick and corner from Randy Moss to the Oakland Raiders for a first-round draft pick and cornerback Phillip Buchanon.

Are the Vikings giving up? Or are they giving up?

The Minnesota Vikings have invested a lot of time and money into Randy Moss. Nothing has come from it.

ESPN's Chris Mortenson reported there is a 60-40 chance the Vikings will deal Moss in the off-season. The top two candidates in the rumor mill are the Baltimore Ravens and Oakland Raiders.

The Ravens have been suspected because of their attempt to get Terrell Owens last season, plus Ravens head coach Brian Billick formerly worked with Moss as the Vikings offensive coordinator in 1998.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press reported that the Oakland Raiders offered cornerback Phillip Buchanon and a first-round pick (7th overall) for Moss.

Either situation would be better for the Vikings. Owner Al Davis has a poor moon impression at Lambeau Field? Should Randy Moss be traded? Would Moss come to Seattle?

So what's up with that? Would you trade Rice if he wanted to do a poor moon impression at Lambeau Field?

I don't care what Moss does off the field, if he wants to get drunk and run around naked, then let him.

The reason why the Vikings are even thinking about trading such a freak of nature is because it is something to talk about. Owner Red McCombs is an Al Davis wannabe trying to get his team in the media by mentioning that they are interested in offers from around the league for Moss.

If they should trade Moss, it could go down as a shockingly bad trade for the Vikings. Sure they will unload a massive heart attack off the field, but they will lose a massive talent that shouldn't be wasted in a trade for first round draft pick. Everyone knows that all of the good wide receivers were taken in the draft this year and if McCombs has his head on straight, then he will tell Tice to take a hike.

Off all of the antics that Moss has put up, they are not comparable to the Jerry Rice, undoubtedly the greatest football player ever, had 93 touchdowns and over 9,000 yards in his first seven years.

So what's up with that? Would you trade Rice if he wanted to do a poor moon impression at Lambeau Field?

Moss' numbers speak for themselves. In seven years Moss has 90 touchdowns and over 9,000 yards.

Jerry Rice, undoubtedly the greatest football player ever, had 93 touchdowns and just over 9,000 yards in his first seven years.

So what's up with that? Would you trade Rice if he wanted to do a poor moon impression at Lambeau Field?

Moss had seventeen touchdowns and over 9,000 yards in his first seven years. As a rookie with Billick could help, and unofficial locker room leader Ray Lewis would make sure Moss' intensity isn't lacking.

Oakland may be a good place for Moss as well. Owner Al Davis has a reputation of not worrying about troubled players off-the-field antics and the Raiders fans at times have embraced this thuggish image. If Moss could concentrate solely on football and not worry about his public image he would be much better off.

The Vikings routinely underachieve and the problem has been on the defensive side of the ball. First trade your star receiver to the Raiders but hold out for another draft pick in the later rounds. Draft defensive backs to turn around the Vikings secondary, which was horrible.